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SUBJECT: JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSIONS: RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

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1. REFTTEL APPEARS PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON MISSIONS WHICH, UNLIKE EMBASSY AMMAN, ARE ESTABLISHING JCC'S IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NO CURRENT OPERATING PROGRAMS OR WHERE THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE PERSONNEL RESOURCES, AS DISTINCT FROM AID, DOD AND USIS PERSONNEL (WHICH REFTTEL INDICATES WILL BE SUBJECTS OF OTHER MESSAGES). WE THEREFORE EXPECT AMMAN'S ADDITIONAL STATE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RELATIVELY MODEST IN COMPARISON WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FROM SOME OTHER MISSIONS.
2. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROJECT STATE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT JOINT COMMISSIONS. OF FOUR JC'S MENTIONED IN U.S.-GOJ JUNE 18 COMMUNIQUE, JCC FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLY MET IN NOVEMBER AND JC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR LATE JANUARY. EXCEPT FOR AMBASSADOR AND DCM'S INVOLVEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM EMBASSY, BOTH OF THOSE JC'S ARE MAINLY SUPPORTED BY DOD AND AID PERSONNEL. HOWEVER JC FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT WILL REQUIRE SUPPORT BY STATE AS WELL AS AID PROGRAM PERSONNEL AND JC FOR SCIENTIFIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS WILL INVOLVE MAINLY USIS PERSONNEL WITH SOME STATE ASSISTANCE. THESE MEETINGS ARE NOT YET SCHEDULED AND WILL PROBABLY NOT OCCUR UNTIL FY 76.

3. REPLIES TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN PARA 3A AS FOLLOWS:

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AT PRESENT, WE ENVISAGE NO STATE PROGRAM STAFF APPLYING 50

PERCENT OF MORE OF TIME TO COMMISSION WORK OR TO PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OR IMPLEMENTATION. OUR MAJOR EXPENSES WOULD PROBABLY BE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR TRIPS TO U.S. AND POSSIBLY GULF STATES IN CONNECTION WITH TRADE AND INVESTMENT (MAINLY STATE PERSONNEL) OR SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMISSIONS (MAINLY USIS PERSONNEL). FOR PURPOSES OF ESTIMATE, WE WOULD ASSUME TWO TRIPS TO U.S. AND ONE TO GULF ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN FY 76.

4. IN ADDITION TO EFFORTS OF DAO/MAP IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AID AND USIS PERSONNEL, PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL STATE EFFORT DIRECTED TO WORK OF JCC'S. 15 PERCENT OF AMBASSADOR'S TIME, 10 PERCENT DCM'S; 10-15 PERCENT OF ONE ECONOMIC AND OF ONE COMMERCIAL OFFICER WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR JC FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

5. ONE MAJOR EXPENSE OFTEN OVERLOOKED IS REPRESENTATIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED FOR ENTERTAINMENT CONNECTED WITH JOINT COMMISSIONS. WE ESTIMATE \$200 FOR JC FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLY AND \$200 FOR JC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (FOR AMBASSADOR'S EXPENSES, NOT COUNTING ADDITIONAL \$200 REQUIRED EACH FROM DAO/MAP AND AID REPRESENTATION FUNDS RESPECTIVELY). WE ESTIMATE SIMILAR EXPENSES FOR OTHER TWO JC'S WHEN THEY TAKE PLACE.

5. THERE WILL ALSO BE REQUIREMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR JCC MEETINGS, TRAVEL ARRANGMENTS, ETC., BUT WE ENVISAGE NO MAJOR EXPENSES.
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